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Monday, April 14, 2025

Letter to Columbia University Detailing Conditions for Restoration of Funding - Part 11 (not enough)

From [Inside Higher Ed](#): *The Trump administration has frozen all U.S. National Institutes of Health funding for research grants at Columbia University. Science reported, cutting off the flow of \$250 million to the private institution mere weeks after it yielded to sweeping demands related to pro-Palestinian campus protests.*



The federal government had already clamped down on \$400 million in research funding for Columbia last month. But after the university agreed to enact various reforms the Trump administration demanded to address alleged antisemitism on campus, it appeared a reprieve was in order. Education Secretary Linda McMahon said last month that she believed Columbia was “on the right track” toward final negotiations to unfreeze the research funds.

Instead, the Trump administration has gone in the opposite direction, cutting off even more research funding. According to Science, the NIH froze Columbia’s funding Monday at the direction of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is reportedly not only blocking new funding but also ceasing payments for work on existing projects. In addition, the agency will require prior approval to tap existing disbursements...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/politics-elections/2025/04/09/nih-freezes-millions-more-funding-columbia>.

From the [Wall St. Journal](#):

The Trump administration is planning to pursue a legal arrangement that would put Columbia University into a consent decree, according to people familiar with the matter, an extraordinary step that could significantly escalate the pressure on the school as it battles for federal funding. A consent decree, which can last for years, would give a federal judge responsibility for ensuring Columbia changes its practices along lines laid out by the federal government. If a consent decree is in place, Columbia would have to comply with it. If a judge determines they are out of compliance, the school could be held in contempt of court—punishable by penalties including fines.

Source: <https://www.wsj.com/us-news/education/columbia-consent-decree-trump-federal-funding-2f4c4690>.

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Is something happening today?

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Regents of the University of California

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

Date: April 14, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.¹

Location: For teleconference locations, please visit <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/agendas/april142025.html>

Agenda – Closed Session

S1(X) Discussion Consideration of Matters Pertaining to Presidential Search

Closed Session Statute Citation: Personnel matters [Education Code §92032(b)(7)]

Only members of the Special Committee will attend

Source: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/april25/meetingnotice.pdf>.

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Is there a candidate on the horizon to replace Drake? The last meeting of the search committee was on March 7.

UPDATE: The notice above disappeared from the general Regents website as of 7 AM this morning. But the source link above still produces the notice. ????

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Sunday, April 13, 2025

More Cash/More Caution

The state controller now has reported on cash receipts through March, i.e., the first nine months of the fiscal year. Cash keeps coming in ahead of projections. Unused borrowable resources remain well north of \$90 billion.

Revenues to the state's general fund were \$4.2 billion ahead of the projections made just last January when the governor made his budget proposal for next year. They were \$10.1 billion ahead of what was projected last June when the budget for the current year was enacted.

Of course, that's not cash free and clear, since under Prop 98 a good chunk of the overage will go by formula to K-14. But better overage than underage, particularly for UC which is pushing for more than the governor wants to give.

So what's the problem at this point? It's the outlook and, more precisely, the uncertainty about the outlook. Income tax receipts make up the bulk of the two overages. And such receipts are backward looking, i.e., based on what people - mainly high-income people - owed based on past incomes. Trump-shock - tariffs, etc., - makes forecasting difficult. Capital gains from the stock market looking forward may not be there to the extent they were pre-shock. Another complicating factor is that tax returns and estimated tax payments from LA County that were normally due in April don't have to be filed for several months due to the fires.

You can see the controller's figures through March at:

<https://sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD/CASH/March2025StatementofGeneralFundCashReceiptsandDisbursements.pdf>.

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Global Education Award



To: Academic Personnel, Administrative Officers, Deans, Department Chairs, Directors, Vice Chancellors and Vice Provosts

Key takeaways:

- The new award funds three types of grants: Revising a Current Course; New Course Design; and Designing New Program, Concentration, or Track

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- Awards range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for one year
- All UCLA Senate Faculty and Academic Staff are eligible to apply

Dear Colleagues:

We are excited to announce a new grant opportunity, the Global Education Award for internationalizing curriculum. This new award is a key component of Goal 2 — “Expand Our Reach as a Global University” — of the [UCLA Strategic Plan 2023–2028](#).

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be found on the [Global Education Award application form](#). The program funds three types of grants:

1. Revising a Current Course: up to \$5,000 for one year
2. New Course Design: up to \$10,000 for one year
3. Designing New Program, Concentration or Track: up to \$20,000 for one year

All UCLA Senate Faculty and Academic Staff are eligible to apply. Details on funding criteria and priorities are in the RFP. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 2025**.

The RFP was developed by members of the [UCLA Global Advisors Council](#). We want to thank the members of the Global Education Awards Committee — Marjorie Elaine (Chair), Veronica Herrera, and Sadath Ali Sayeed — for their dedication and time in putting together this RFP.

This new award will be administered through the International Institute. Awarded funds will be transferred to recipients' departments for disbursement. For questions about the program, please contact Kathryn Paul: kpaul@international.ucla.edu.

Please share this announcement widely with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fan

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Inaugural Vice Provost for Teaching & Learning

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Saturday, April 12, 2025

Could UCLA pass the Oregon test?



From [Courthouse News](#):

A putative federal class action filed by women student-athletes at the University of Oregon survived a motion to dismiss on Friday, and their Title IX claims that male counterparts receive more favorable treatment will proceed.

The plaintiffs — 26 current and former student-athletes on the university's varsity beach volleyball team and six current student-athletes on its club rowing team — make three main claims in their legal filing.

The volleyball plaintiffs say the university doesn't provide athletic treatment and benefits to women athletes that are equal to men and that it also gives male athletes more athletic financial aid. The rowing plaintiffs argue that the university is depriving all existing and future women students of equal opportunities to participate in varsity athletics, pointing to the institution's failure to offer intercollegiate opportunities for both genders in numbers proportionate to their enrollment.

The university replied with three motions. It argued in its motion to dismiss that the volleyball plaintiffs have no subject matter jurisdiction, as they have no standing. It also asked for a judgment on the pleadings, as the volleyball plaintiffs didn't state a claim for unequal treatment and benefits. Additionally, it requested partial summary judgment on a statute of limitations. U.S. District Judge Michael McShane granted in part and denied in part the motion to dismiss. He denied both the judgment on the pleadings and partial summary judgment motions.

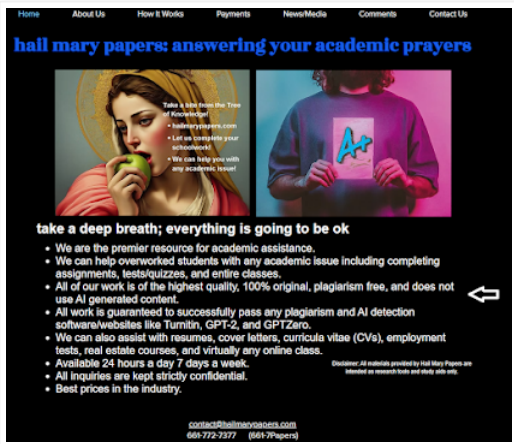
"This is a huge victory for the women athletes at the University of Oregon," said attorney Arthur Bryant, with the Clarkson Law Firm and lead counsel for the plaintiffs, in a phone interview with Courthouse News. "The case is going to move forward." Attorneys for the university couldn't be reached for comment as of publication time...

Full story at <https://www.courthousenews.com/university-of-oregon-women-athletes-prevail-over-motions-seeking-to-scuttle-title-ix-claims/>.

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It doesn't use AI, so it's OK...



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Friday, April 11, 2025

UCLA Center's Lawsuit Temporarily Blocked End to Special Status for Venezuelan Immigrants



From the [Bruin](#): A federal judge temporarily blocked the Trump administration March 31 from ending temporary protected status for Venezuelan migrants, in response to a lawsuit co-filed by the UCLA Center for Immigration Law and Policy. The Secretary of Homeland Security can assign a TPS designation to countries in cases such as when temporary conditions prevent the safe return of that country's nationals, according to the United States Citizenship and

Immigration Services website.

Under TPS, those people can reside and work in the U.S. without threat of removal, according to the USCIS. The Biden administration announced Jan. 10 an 18-month extension to the 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS. However, Kristi Noem – the Trump administration's secretary of homeland security – annulled the TPS extension and announced that individuals who were granted TPS under the 2023 designation for Venezuela would no longer possess TPS after Monday...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/04/08/federal-judge-sides-with-joint-ucla-suit-to-block-end-to-venezuelans-protections>.

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